

House File 563 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for implementation of a voluntary licensure
2 system for certain home-based child care providers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1323YH 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 237A.12, Code 2009, is amended by
1 2 adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The department shall develop and
1 4 implement a voluntary system for licensing of child
1 5 development home providers in lieu of registration. All of
1 6 the requirements applicable to a registered child development
1 7 home, including but not limited to the record checks under
1 8 section 237A.5, shall apply to a child care provider that
1 9 elects to become a licensed child development home. However,
1 10 the requirements may be modified as deemed appropriate by the
1 11 department to improve quality while protecting the safety of
1 12 children. The standards under the voluntary licensing system
1 13 may include but are not limited to acceptance of a provider's
1 14 appropriate national accreditation, providing annual and
1 15 unannounced inspection visits, and requiring elements of the
1 16 voluntary child care quality rating system under section
1 17 237A.30.

EXPLANATION

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1 19 This bill requires the department of human services to
1 20 develop and implement a voluntary system for licensing of
1 21 child development home providers in lieu of registration. The
1 22 requirements applicable to a registered child development home
1 23 remain applicable but may be modified as deemed appropriate by
1 24 the department to improve quality while protecting the safety
1 25 of children. The bill lists various elements that may be
1 26 addressed in the standards for licensure.
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